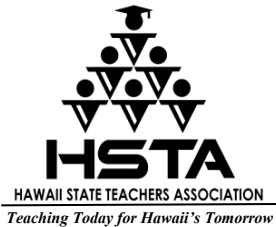


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TESTIMONY BEFORE THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION

RE: HB 338, HD2 - RELATING TO EDUCATION.

March 18, 2011

WIL OKABE, PRESIDENT
HAWAII STATE TEACHERS ASSOCIATION

Chair Tokuda and Members of the Committee:

The Hawaii State Teachers Association supports HB 338, HD2, which appoints a student voting member of the Board of Education by the governor, with the advice and consent of the senate in accordance with article X, section 2, of the Constitution of the State of Hawaii.

The student representative is elected by his or her peers to listen to and present their ideas and concerns. The election of the student representative is conducted in all public middle and high schools.

In supporting this position, we are recognize that the student member is representative of the public school student population. The fact that they work as diligently in carrying out their responsibilities as all other members of the Board of Education earns them the right to vote on matters pertaining to policies. A voting seat on the Board of Education would give students more ownership of an entity that significantly affects their future.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify.



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TESTIMONY ON HOUSE BILL 338, HOUSE DRAFT 2, RELATING TO EDUCATION

Senate Committee on Education

Hon. Jill N. Tokuda, Chair

Hon. Michelle Kidani, Vice Chair

Friday, March 18, 2011, 1:45 PM

State Capitol, Conference Room 225

Honorable Chair Tokuda and committee members:

I am Kris Coffield, representing the Imua Alliance, a nonpartisan political advocacy organization that currently boasts over 60 local members. On behalf of our members, we offer this testimony in support of HB 338, HD2, relating to education.

It is time to stop the continued marginalization of the Board of Education's student member. Early versions of legislation creating an implementation process for an appointed school board, from which HB 338, HD2, is taken, extended voting privileges to the student member, rewarding students who have repeatedly demonstrated an eagerness to exercise civic responsibility when afforded the opportunity, as evidenced by the success of programs like Kids Vote Hawaii. Moreover, 70 percent of high school students polled in a 2008 survey favored enfranchising the student member, except on personnel matters, a step already taken by states as varied as California and Vermont, both of which have appointed school boards. Given that students are the primary stakeholders in the state's education system, the school system's intent to foster civic engagement, and the differentiated perspective offered by students impacted at the classroom level by changes made to the educational process, it seems logical to enfranchise the board's student member, except, again, on personnel matters.

As mentioned by delegates from the Department Education's Secondary Student Conference at a recent hearing on an appointed school board, during which this issue was discussed, public school students constitute 15 percent of the state's population, yet receive no vote. As SSC's representatives indicated, several hundred of these students—in particular, students from Kalaheo High School—have signed a petition calling for enfranchisement. Concerns were raised regarding the safety of the student member in the event of controversial votes and the extent to which the member speaks for all public school students. Such concerns are misplaced, however, for several reasons. In this case of student safety, the student member is covered by Hawaii state law, including §8-19, which defines policies relating to student conduct. Thus, the student member is incorporated into a class of citizens already afforded special status because of their age. To assert that public service places the student member in

danger, one must also conclude that students are so heavily vested in public affairs that they're willing to literally fight for their views or police and school administrators are incapable of carrying out basic security functions. With regard to representation, allowing the governor, instead of the Hawaii State Student Council, to appoint the student member ensures that he or she will have the same accountability as all other appointed members, and brings the selection process into consonance with other governing bodies that include such members, like the University of Hawaii Board of Regents.

Again, Imua Alliance urges the committee to recognize the unique place of students in the educational process by extending voting rights to the Board of Education's student member. Now is not the moment to discard the fierce beliefs of our state's youth, but is, on the contrary, the time to bring those voices into the fold, incorporating them into discussions about how to prepare our state for an increasingly competitive future. Mahalo for the opportunity to testify in support of this bill.

Sincerely,
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Senator Jill N. Tokuda, Chair
Senator Michelle Kidani, Vice Chair

HB338 HD2 - Relating to Education

March 18, 2011

The Board of Directors of the League of Women Voters of Hawai'i opposes HB338 HD2 as written. We respectfully submit the following as input for you to consider in your decision-making process concerning setting the terms and conditions of a student voting member for the appointed Board of Education.

This League feels that a public high school student representative for the Board of Education should be nominated by the state student council and that the student representative should participate fully in discussions, but should not be a voting member of the Board of Education. The League values and supports student voice in all civic forums and strongly believes that student input is valuable to the Board members in the decision-making process. However, we feel that a high school student has not had the life experiences necessary to make fiscal decisions and/or education policy decisions. We also believe that students might be subject to undue outside pressures and may not have the maturity to withstand such pressures. While we do not under-estimate the abilities of high school students, we do believe that students may be under-estimating the job of a Board of Education member.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify.

Sincerely,

Valere McFarland, Ph.D.
Education Chair, League of Women Voters Hawai'i



HAWAII STATE STUDENT COUNCIL

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OFFICE OF THE CENTRAL DISTRICT REPRESENTATIVE

March 16, 2011

To: Senator Jill Tokuda, Chair
and Members of the Senate Education Committee

From: Angelica Waisam Lao

Subject: Support for HB 338

Aloha! My name is Angelica Waisam Lao, and I am a junior at Moanalua High School. I am in full support of keeping a student representative with voting rights on the appointed Board of Education (BOE). I am asking you to support this position by allowing the HB338 to pass today. Frequently people say: "the youth are the future of tomorrow." To prepare us effectively, give us a student representative on the appointed BOE with voting rights. The student BOE representative experiences the education system provided and thus first hand understands the needs and concerns of the students.

The student BOE representative is also a member of the Hawaii State Student Council (HSSC), which is networked to every school district council and their respective schools. This communication network assists the student BOE representative to communicate with the students of all school districts and get their feedback and input. Many students of the Central District strongly believe and have expressed sincerely that the student member should be given at least partial voting rights to better represent the students of Hawaii.

For the past 22 years the student BOE representative has fulfills all the same responsibilities as the other BOE representatives but without voting rights. States such as California, Maryland, Massachusetts, Tennessee, and Vermont all support the student BOE member by granting them partial or full voting rights.

The student population is 15% of Hawaii's population; give us a voice on the education system that directly impacts our future and us. Please vote yes to have a student representative on the appointed BOE with voting rights and be in full support of HB 338. Thank you.

Angelica Waisam Lao
Moanalua High School/HSSC Central District Representative



HAWAII STATE STUDENT COUNCIL

475 22ND AVENUE, RM. 211
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17 March 2011

To: Senator Jill Tokuda, Chairperson
Senator Michelle Kidani, Vice Chairperson
Member of the Senate Education Committee

From: Kaelyn Okuhata
King Kekaulike High School
Kailani Amine
Lahainaluna High School
Hawai'i State Student Council

Subject: Support of House Bill No. 338

Aloha! We are the Maui District Representatives who highly support House Bill No. 338, and would truly like you to show your sincere support as well. House Bill No. 338 allows a Student Member or Representative, appointed by the Governor of the State of Hawai'i with the consent of the Hawai'i State Senate. This Student Representative on the Board of Education would also be given partial voting rights on all concerns, except those concerning personnel issues. However, as stated in House Bill No. 338, Section 3, "This Act shall take effect July 1, 2030." Therefore, we write to you today, asking that House Bill No. 338 be amended to "This Act shall take effect July 1, 2011." With this amendment, we personally believe that a new decade will evolve, allowing the students of the State of Hawai'i to finally have a true, genuine voice in decisions relating to their education.

For a multitude of years, the Hawaii State Board of Education Student Member has served as the sole representation of fifteen percent of Hawaii's population. However, to this day, this responsible, mature, and highly knowledgeable individual has no voting rights on the matters that directly affect the students. Providing the Board of Education Student Member with partial voting rights, will allow the concerns of the students to finally be heard, considered, and implemented in the Board of Education policies. For all these years, each Board of Education Student Member has proven to be a professional and strong-minded person, capable of handling the political ridicule of the public, and capable of making astute decisions for the betterment of the students. There is absolutely no reason to doubt the abilities of a student who has voluntarily chosen to serve on the Hawai'i State Board of Education.

For twenty-two years, the Board of Education Student Member has fulfilled the numerous responsibilities as all other Board of Education Members. The Board of Education Student Member is also knowledgeable of the many school concerns, district concerns, and state concerns, as he/she also sits as a liaison on the Hawai'i State Student Council. Finally, the Board of Education Student Member is the only member of the Board of Education who spends every day in the State of Hawai'i public school system. With all of this said, how can we doubt the decision-making skills of the Board of Education Student Member? How can we doubt his/her judgment for the betterment of his fellow peers? The Board of Education Student Member should indeed be granted partial voting rights, and immediately. We appreciatively thank you for your time and consideration, acknowledge you for your commitment to serve the students of the State of Hawai'i, and trust that you will effectively show your support in amending House Bill No. 338.



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To: Senator Jill Tokuda, Chairperson
Senator Michelle Kidani, Vice Chairperson
Member of the Senate Education Committee

From: Keagan Sakai-Kawada
Hawai'i State Student Council Secretary
Waiākea High School Sophomore Class Secretary

Subject: Support of House Bill No. 338

Aloha! My name is Keagan Sakai-Kawada, and I am a sophomore at Waiākea High School. I highly support House Bill No. 338, and I would truly like you to show your sincere support as well. House Bill No. 338 allows a Student Member or Representative, appointed by the Governor of the State of Hawai'i with the consent of the Hawai'i State Senate. This Student Representative on the Board of Education would also be given partial voting rights on all concerns, except those concerning personnel issues. However, as stated in House Bill No. 338, Section 3, "This Act shall take effect July 1, 2030." Therefore, I write to you today, asking that House Bill No. 338 be amended to "This Act shall take effect July 1, 2011." With this amendment, I personally believe that a new decade will evolve, allowing the students of the State of Hawai'i to finally have a true, genuine voice in decisions relating to their education.

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March 18, 2011

To: Senator Jill Tokuda, Chair
and Members of the Senate Education Committee

From: Matthew Nagata
(Hawaii Island Representative, Hawaii State Student Council)
Waiakea High School, 12

Subject: Support for HB338

Thank you very much for your time today. I am writing to thank those who support the BOE student member with partial voting rights and to convince those who oppose it. The current adult BOE members support the student BOE member, the student BOE member offers a perspective that only a student living and experiencing policies can give.

I feel that it is extremely important for a student member residing on the Board of Education (BOE) and to have partial voting rights. Decisions made by the BOE impact the students of Hawaii momentarily. Students should be represented and should be able to vote on the issues that pertain to them.

In the mid-18th century, settlers from the Thirteen Colonies in America used the saying "No taxation without representation" to express their grievances to Great Britain. Great Britain had been imposing rules and regulations upon these American colonists without allowing them reasonable opportunities for representation. Similarly, we, the students of Hawaii's education system, ask that decisions are not made blindly, proper representation is a must, for a successful democratic process.

Children are the future of Hawaii and thus, need to be allowed to participate in making the decisions that will change their lives. Our great country was founded upon the ideas of representation and democracy. I believe that such democracy should extend to the students of Hawaii through the appointed BOE student member.

Thank you for your time! I hope you will support the BOE Student member with partial voting rights. By supporting the BOE Student Member, you are supporting Hawaii's future. "If you are not part of the solution, you are part of the problem" (Peter Madden)

Thank You,
Matthew Nagata
Waiakea High School, 12

Erin Conner

From: Natalie [natalie.r.strauss@gmail.com]
Sent: Thursday, March 17, 2011 7:03 AM
To: EDU Testimony
Subject: Student Representative on the Appointed Board of Education With Voting Rights

March 17th, 2011

To: Senator Jill Tokuda, Senator Michelle Kidani

From: Natalie Strauss

Subject: Student Representative on the Appointed Board of Education With Voting Rights

Hello, my name is Natalie Strauss. I am a junior at Hilo High School as well as a member of the Hawai'i State Student Council. I support partial voting rights for the student representative on the Board of Education.

The students of Hawai'i have proved that the power of their collective voice is strong; through furloughs and No Child Left Behind the student initiative has been valuable. However, the student BOE member continues to lack voting rights on the matters that directly affect the students. The student perspective is often overlooked in the decisions made by the Board of Education.

The Student BOE representative is currently in Hawaii's school system so they can understand and voice student concerns. Their vote should count. California, Maryland, Massachusetts, Tennessee, and Vermont legislatures support the student BOE representative by granting them partial or full voting rights. For 22 years the BOE student representative has had the same responsibilities as other BOE members. They have proved their capability, maturity, and intelligence time and time again, and should be granted voting rights on the decisions that directly affect themselves and their peers. The student voice matters, and partial voting rights would allow the student voice to have real meaning.

In granting the Student BOE Member partial voting rights, the decisions of the BOE can have a direct link between the schools and the Board of Education that would otherwise be lost. Mahalo for your time. I trust you will show your support for HB338.

March 18, 2011

To: Senator Jill Tokuda, Chair
And Members of the Senate Education Committee

From: Jared Agtunong
Maui High School, Grade 10
Kahului, Hawai'i

Subject: Support for HB338

Aloha! My name is Jared Agtunong; and I am currently a Sophomore at Maui High School as well as being a part of Maui High's Student Council. I stand strongly in HB338 by having an appointed Board of Education (BOE) as well as a student member on the BOE with voting rights. The student BOE member is the sole representative of over 180,000 students in over 250 public schools but has no voting rights on the matters that solely affect them.

For 22 years the BOE student member has had the same responsibilities and duties as other BOE members. The BOE makes decisions that affects all Hawai'i public school students, the BOE student member is our voice but as it stands does not take part in those decisions being made. I believe that we as students should have that representation for the decisions that affect us, the student BOE member is our voice and therefore should have a vote in those decisions.

States such as California, Vermont, Maryland, and the District of Columbia all grant partial or full voting rights to their student member. By granting partial or full voting rights to the BOE student member Hawaii's students will now have that voice and link with the BOE and the decisions that they make that affect them.

I thank you for your time and consideration. I truly hope that you will support HB338.

Erin Conner

From: Brandy Okuda [brandyokuda@hotmail.com]
Sent: Wednesday, March 16, 2011 12:58 PM
To: EDU Testimony
Subject: HB338

March 18, 2011

To: Senator Jill Tokuda, Chair
and Members of the Senate Education Committee

From: Brandy Okuda
H.P. Baldwin High School, 10

Subject: Support for HB338

Hi, my name is Brandy Okuda and I am currently a sophomore at H.P. Baldwin High School in Wailuku. I strongly believe in HB338 and would like to ask for your support. The BOE student member represents over 182,000 students statewide and has been for the past 37 years. The student member The BOE student member carries the same responsibilities as all other board members and therefore should be allowed to vote. I believe that the student member brings the perspective of our students to the board and there for should be allowed to vote on behalf of the students; since they are the people who will feel the impact of these decisions. In my experiences I have found that Hawaii's students have great ideas and important concerns; that need to be voiced. Therefore I believe that giving the BOE student member a vote will allow better representation of Hawaii's public school students. I also ask that the bill be amended, changing the effective date from 2030 to 2011.

Thank you for your consideration and I truly hope you support HB338.

March 11, 2011

From: Seanna Yoshioka

Subject: Support of House Bill 338

Hello! I am Seanna Yoshioka, a freshman at H.P. Baldwin High School on Maui. I strongly believe in House Bill 338, which would give the student representative on the appointed Board of Education voting rights. Teenagers are a crucial part of Hawaii's population and they need to be considered in every way possible.

Many students, including myself, do not think that adults understand them. We have the strong belief that people older than ourselves do not know what we are going through. Although adults do have much more knowledge than teenagers, they often do not know the current issues that students are dealing with. By giving the student representative voting rights, it will make students all over Hawaii feel more understood.

It could also make students more welcoming of the decisions which the Board of Education makes. Students could think, "Someone who knows what I am going through had a say in the choices that were made. So it couldn't be all that horrible, right?" Teenager's feelings bounce off each other easily. If one girl carries a new type of bag, the rest of the school will have one in a couple of weeks. If one student supports an idea, there's a greater chance that others will too. With the student representative having no voting rights, there is no room for acceptance by the everyday student. You have the power to change that. By voting yes, you can make the students of Hawaii feel understood, and accept the decisions made by the Board of Education.

Thank you for taking the time out of your busy day to read my testimony. I hope you now see from a student's point of view how this House Bill 338 would be of great benefit.

Erin Conner

From: megandwalsh@aol.com
Sent: Wednesday, March 16, 2011 5:34 PM
To: EDU Testimony

Aloha! My name is Megan Walsh and I am in full support of having a voting student representative on the appointed Board of Education (BOE). Although I am sure that the members of the BOE make their decisions in the best interest of students, one must note that each member is a grown adult and thus, is at a disadvantage when it comes to understanding and truly relating to the students of today. Due to this difficulty to relate to the youth, the opinions of the students may be disregarded in the policies passed by the Board. This neglect, I am sure, is one that is unintentional; however, if one continues to deny the student member voting rights, one would be ensuring that this neglect continues.

By preventing the student member the right to vote, one is sending a powerful message of apathy to today's youth. The student member of the BOE provides a unique perspective that should be valued, not silenced. They are the only one that spend everyday in Hawaii's schools, which make them the only ones who truly knows from first hand experience what the daily life, desires and needs of today's students are. Therefore, one could go so far as saying that they are the only true representative of the student voice; a voice that not only belongs to 15% of Hawaii's population, but a voice that belongs to the only people that are truly affected by each policy that the BOE passes. Furthermore, granting a student member voting rights is far from an uncommon practice. In fact, states such as California, Maryland, Massachusetts, Tennessee, and Vermont all allow the student BOE member to have partial or full voting rights.

In retrospect, it is always difficult to relate to people that are of a different age group; however, it is not impossible. There are many things an adult can do to help them stay in touch with the students of today, but preventing the student member from voting is not one of them. The student member has been an integral part of BOE policy making for 22 years and yet, has not once been given the right to vote. The time for change has come now. By granting the Student BOE Member partial voting rights, one ensures that at least one vote is written in the students' interest. If you are an advocate of giving the students a voice, I trust you will show your support for HB 337 and a change of its effective date from 2030 to 2011.

March 18, 2011

To: Senator Jill Tokuda, Chair
And Members of the Senate Education Committee

From: Jenna Oue
Castle High School

Re: Support of HB338 for BOE Student Member Voting Rights

My name is Jenna Oue and I am a junior at Castle High School. I am support of HB338 to include voting rights for the BOE student member.

I believe that this bill should be passed with an amendment giving the Board of Education student member voting rights. The BOE student member is the only board member who is in the schools, everyday experiencing and understanding the full impact of board policy on individual students. We believe in keeping decision-making closer to who are most directly affected by those decisions. The students deserve a voice in their own education and welfare.

Please pass HB338 to include voting rights for the BOE Student Member.

March 18, 2011

To: Senator Jill Tokuda, Chair
And Members of the Senate Education Committee

From: Peter Cheng, Hawaii State Student Council

Subject: Support for HB338

Aloha! My name is Peter Cheng. I am currently a senior at Roosevelt High School. I am in full support of keeping a student representative with voting rights on the appointed Board of Education (BOE) and hope that you will join me in support as well.

Frequently people say: “the youth are the future of tomorrow.” To prepare us effectively give us a student representative on the appointed BOE with voting rights. The student BOE representative experiences the education system provided and thus first hand understands the needs and concerns of the students.

The student BOE representative is also a member of the Hawaii State Student Council which is networked to every school district council and their respective schools. This communication network assists the student BOE representative to communicate with the students of all school districts and get their feedback and input.

For the past 22 years the student BOE representative has fulfills all the same responsibilities as the other BOE representatives but without voting rights. States such as California, Maryland, Massachusetts, Tennessee, and Vermont all support the student BOE member by granting them partial or full voting rights.

Lastly, I am asking for HB338 effective date to be amended to 2011 instead of 2030.

Thank you for your time and consideration, and I hope you will vote yes to have a student representative on the appointed BOE with voting rights.

Peter Cheng

March 18, 2011

To: Senator Jill Tokuda, Chair
And Members of the Senate Education Committee

From: Rona Lee Gallardo
Farrington High School

Subject: Support of HB338

Aloha, my name is Rona Lee Gallardo and I am currently a junior at Farrington High School in Honolulu. I firmly support HB338 and I would like to ask you to pass this bill.

The BOE's student member is a committed, hardworking student who participates in the same activities as the other members and holds the same responsibilities as the adults. As it was recently voted on to appoint the Board of Education, the student member position is at risk of being taken away. Being that the student member represents the students of over 250 public schools across the state, it would be very unfortunate for the voice of the students to be lost.

During the 2010 Secondary Student Conference, delegates from public and independent schools throughout Hawaii came together in support of this resolution, showing that students care about the decisions that can potentially impact our education. The Hawaii State Student Council is proposing to hold an election for the BOE student member to allow the public school students to choose the right student. The position of the Board of Education student member is definitely not one for the average student. Upholding all of the duties and expectations of the BOE is something that should be placed upon an outstanding young adult and the decision should be left to the public school students. It is also very important for the student member to be allowed the right to vote. It may not be enough to have one student trying to persuade the other members to choose what he knows is best for us students. Without voting rights, the fate of our education is only in the hands of the other Board of Education members.

By giving the Hawaii State Board of Education student member voting rights, students across the state will have a bridge of communication to the adults of the BOE and leaders of Hawaii. In America, several other states have given their student members the right to vote. If we wish to better our education, passing HB338 would be a stepping stone to great accomplishments.

Mahalo for your time and consideration, and I hope that you will pass HB338.

March 18, 2011

To: Senator Jill Tokuda, Chair
And Members of the Senate Education Committee

From: Iniki Leialoha
Kalaheo High School

Subject: Support of HB338

Aloha, my name is Iniki Leialoha and I am currently a senior at Kalaheo High School. I am writing this testimony in full support of HB338 with an amendment to make it effective in 2011.

The student body in the State of Hawaii has never had the right to vote with the BOE. Now the BOE has taken away the right of the student BOE member to be voted by the student body. The schools of Hawaii can be greatly affected if we have no BOE student member representing them. If the student body is not able to decide the BOE student member, then the student body of Hawaii has no say in the issues presented.

This is an important issue for the students of Hawaii because we want our voice to be heard and we want to have a say in what goes on in our schools. This is a very important position for the student BOE member and if this Bill were to be passed, the students will once again have their say in the educational issues presented in Hawaii schools. I feel this is an important bill because with the student BOE member not able to vote, it would take away the rights of our students.

I would greatly appreciate it if you would be in full support HB338 and change the effective date to 2011. Thank you.

March 18, 2011

To: Senator Jill Tokuda, Chair
And Members of the Senate Education Committee

From: Jordy Smith
Kalaheo High School

Subject: Support of HB338

Aoha! My name is Jordy Smith, and I am currently a senior at Kalaheo High School. I strongly believe in HB338, and I would like to ask for your support.

As it stands today, our Board of Education was voted into office by the public and the student member that represents our children attending Hawaii's public schools does not receive the right to vote on matters brought up to the board. Even though our student member is an active participant in our public schools and they know how the students are affected by the board's decisions first hand, they aren't allowed to voice their opinion because they don't have the right to vote. Now that the policy has changed, and we are to have an appointed Board Of Education, I feel that with the change should come change for our appointed student member; change to where their voice actually gets put into action.

I believe in keeping decision making closest to those whom are most directly affected by those decisions. The students deserve a voice in their own education and welfare. If we give the students a voice and actually have it count towards something, the integrity of the board will be more respected. Also, in 2008 elections, on the Kids voting survey 79% of the K-12 who participated in the statewide survey voted in favor of the BOE student member having voting rights. We have heard from our children and they feel the same way. Student member should have voting rights.

Thank you for your time and consideration, and I truly hope that you will support HB338.

March 18, 2011

To: Senator Jill Tokuda, Chair
And Members of the Senate Education Committee

From: Vallie Rodriquez
Kailua, Hawaii

Subject: Support of HB338

Aloha! My name is Vallie Rodriquez, and I am currently a senior at Kalaheo High School on Oahu. I strongly believe in HB338, and I would like you to pass the bill.

The Student Board Member is the one who is in school and knows how the voting of the BOE actually effects as students. He/she can speak up for the rest of the students. It is only fait that the student voices be heard too.

The Student Board member must attend all of the community meetings and attend public hearings monthly and he/she has the same responsibilities as the other board members. If he/she has the same responsibilities as the adult members he/she should have equal rights and should be able to be on the board and be able to vote.

Eighty percent of the 2008 Kids Voting Elections have reported in favor of granting voting rights to the BOE Student Member. If that large percent is in favor along with other committees than I know that this is very important and as a student I also agree strongly.

Mahalo for your time and I hope you consider my testimony and pass HB338.

March 18, 2011

To: Senator Jill Tokuda, Chair

And Members of the Senate Education Committee

From: Emily Theoret

Subject: Support of HB338

Hello, my name is Emily Theoret, and I am currently a junior at Kalaheo High School, here on Oahu. I strongly support HB338, and I would like to ask you to pass the bill with an amendment to make it effective immediately.

As it stands, the student member takes part in all activities and assumes all responsibilities as all other members, except the right to vote. The BOE's student member represents over 180,000 of Hawaii's students in over 250 public schools. The students are the most affected by the BOE's decisions and should have a voice in those decisions and the only way they can do that is through the vote of the BOE student member.

Voting rights on the State Board of Education's are not unheard of, and states like California, Vermont, Maryland and the District of Columbia all granted full or partial voting rights to their student member. Hawaii has always been at the forefront in supporting student activities. For the last 20 years the Secondary Student Conference participants voted overwhelmingly to support a resolution giving the BOE student member voting rights on the Board of Education.

A self-representation is a democratic ideal- a government for of, and by the people, which in this case are the students. Hawaii public school students represent 15% of the state's population yet have no vote. Please help reach this democratic ideal by passing HB338. Allowing the student member on the BOE to vote will increase and improve student participation in education and government. An appointed voting student member is the best representation for the students of Hawaii.

Thank you for your time and consideration, and I truly hope that you will pass HB338 with an amendment to make the measure effective immediately.

March 18, 2011

To: Senator Jill Tokuda, Chair
And Members of the Senate Education Committee

From: Hannah Carnes
Kalaheo High School, Grade 9
Kailua, Hawaii

Subject: Support of HB338

Aloha! My name is Hannah Carnes, and I am currently a freshman at Kalaheo High School, here on Oahu. I fully support HB338, and I would like to ask you to pass the bill.

The Student Member of the Board of Education represents the voice of the students of approximately 250 schools, and so the BOE Student Member should get all the opportunities available to express the opinions of our student population. If the BOE Student Member doesn't get a true vote in what happens state - wide regarding our schools, what is the point of even having a Student Member?

The point of having a Student Member of the Board of Education is to have the voice of the students be heard. If he/she can't help to make the decisions that affect us, and speak for us, what else can the Student Member do? The Student Member represents the voice of students throughout Hawaii and what we want to see happen in our schools. The Student Member shares all the same responsibilities as other Board members, such as formulating education policies. If the Student Member has no choice in the matter, what need do we have for a student member.

For years, members of student councils state - wide have been pushing for the Student Member of the BOE to be granted full voting rights. In one of the most recent Kids Voting Elections, 80% of the students who voted said they wanted the Student Member to have full voting rights. Right now, students don't really feel like they have a say in what happens, but granting the Student Member voting rights would probably change that. If they see that the student representing them at such a high level can make a difference and be heard, then why can't it be the same for them? Students might actually care about trying to make a difference in their schools if they saw that it is actually possible, and that students can make a huge impact.

I would just like to say thank you for your time, and I hope that you will at least consider my testimony in favor of HB338.

March 18, 2011

To: Senator Jill Tokuda, Chair
And Members of the Senate Education Committee

From: Monique Ishikawa

Subject: Support of HB338, Appointed Board of Education Student Member

Hello! My name is Monique Ishikawa and I am currently a junior attending Kalaheo High School. I am also part of Kalaheo's student government. I strongly support HB338 and hope that you will pass this bill.

Without a student member on the BOE, students across Hawaii lose their voice. They lose their chance to have a say in what happens. With my position as student body vice-president, I know exactly how important this is. It is very important for us to be the passageway for students to be heard and their ideas expressed. Our thoughts and ideas are just as important as any of the members on the council.

Appointing the board members of the Board of Education is a lot more efficient. Campaigning for that position will no longer need to be done. Also the process will take less time and move it ahead faster. It will also allow the governor to go forth with his plans in how he wants education in Hawaii to be revised.

I strongly believe in HB338 and support it completely. I hope you pass this bill. Thank you for your time. Mahalo!

Erin Conner

From: mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov
Sent: Wednesday, March 16, 2011 11:34 PM
To: EDU Testimony
Cc: kainoa_makua@yahoo.com
Subject: Testimony for HB338 on 3/18/2011 1:45:00 PM

Testimony for EDU 3/18/2011 1:45:00 PM HB338

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Testifier will be present: No
Submitted by: Kainoa Makua
Organization: Individual
Address:
Phone:
E-mail: kainoa_makua@yahoo.com
Submitted on: 3/16/2011

Comments:

Hello my name is kainoa makua and im a senior at Kalaheo high school. I strongly support HB338 concerning Sets the terms and conditions of a student voting member on an appointed Board of Education. As a student I feel that we should have a voice in what's going on around us. When you have a student member on the board that dose the same amount of work, show up to the same amount of meetings, and puts the same amount of time in to his/her's position and tell that member that you don't have a right to vote its very discriminating. It sends a message to students that you don't care what we have to say and our opinions don't matter. Its time for that to change, the student member should have the same rights and benefits as other members of the board.

I know students and many other citizens of Hawaii has been fighting to get the B.O.E Student member voting rights and I think its time for you guys finally take us seriously because our voices do matter.

Thank you so much for taking the time to read this and I hope you support this bill.

Sincerely,
Kainoa Makua

March 18, 2011

To: Senator Jill Tokuda, Chair
And Members of the Senate Education Committee

From: Peyton Walker
Kailua, Hawaii

Subject: Support of HB338, implementing a student on the BOE with voting rights

Aloha, my name is Peyton Walker I am currently a sophomore at Kalaheo High School and a member of the Associated Students of Kalaheo. I am in full Support of HB338 and asking for your support as well. Having a student member on the board would help give students a voice in what happens in their schools.

Having a student member on the BOE with voting rights will help students get what they want in schools. Since the members of the board don't know what happens in schools like the students do it would make sense to have a student member. This student would be able to say what would work and what wouldn't, based upon personal experience.

States such as California already have a student member on their BOE. Massachusetts not only has a student member, but is enhancing the student's communication with the other board members.

Having a BOE student member with voting rights would create a link between the schools and the BOE allowing students to have a voice once again. I hope that you will show your support and pass HB338. Thank you.

March 18, 2011

To: Senator Jill Tokuda, Chair
And Members of the Senate Education Committee

From: Leilani Sanchez

Subject: Support for HB338

Aloha my name is Leilani Sanchez; I am currently a junior at Kalaheo High School. I'm writing to you today in support of House Bill 338 student member voting right and encourage you to have a hearing for this bill. There is no doubt that the student member of the board of education should get the right to vote on the issues brought up to the board.

Far as I am concerned, the student on the board receives just as much responsibility as any other member of the board. So why wouldn't they get the right to vote? As a member of past student councils and other group efforts, I know what it feels like to do just as much as everyone else and in the end, not get a say in some things. I don't believe this to be fair at all and I would hope that something as important as the Board of Education would have the right to vote on the decisions that were going to affect him.

Lastly, the opinion and experiences of an actual student are highly valued on a board such as the Board of Education. If the student member had voting rights, they could be giving a voice to all of us students of Hawaii. If the student member on the BOE has no voting rights, there isn't too much of a point of having them on the board at all. It affects every student in Hawaii it should be partly our decisions to vote what would affect use in a way. I really hope that you pass HB 338.

Thank you for your time and your support.

March 18, 2011

To: Senator Jill Tokuda, Chair
And Members of the Senate Education Committee

From: Sarah Fitzherbert-Velasco
Kalaheo High School, Grade 11

Subject: Support of HB338

Hello my name is Sarah Fitzherbert-Velasco and I am currently a junior at Kalaheo High School. I am in strong support of HB338 and I am asking for your support. As of right now, the BOE Student Member represents over 180,000 students and 250 public schools. Students are most affected by the BOE's decisions and by the student not having the right to vote, Hawaii students have a very minimal say in decisions.

By allowing the student to have even partial voting rights, Hawaii would not be the only state. States such as California, Maryland, Vermont, and the District of Columbia have all granted their students either full or partial voting rights.

For the past 20 years, the Secondary Student Conference have been voting in overwhelming numbers, in full support of resolutions to give the BOE student member voting rights. Our nation has been built off of democratic ideals, a government for the people, and allowing everyone to have a say. By not allowing the student member the right to vote, the rights of the public school students are being taken away. Hawaii's public school students represent 15% of the population and they have no right to vote.

Thank you for the time, and I hope you pass HB338.

March 18, 2011

To: Senator Jill Tokuda, Chair
And Members of the Senate Education Committee

From: Kayla Avega
Kalaheo High School, Grade 11

Subject: Support of HB338

Hi, my name is Kayla Avega; I'm currently a junior of Kalaheo High School and I'm a member of the student council (ASK). I really believe in this bill and ask for your support. With a student board member, they are able to let student's opinions and concerns to be heard and resolved. I believe that Student Board Member should also have the same voting rights as the BOE members.

I strongly believe that a student board member has the same qualities and responsibilities as a regular BOE member, to keep our schools with high standards, that'll bring success. A student board member knows what goes on in their schools that need to be fixed and also knows what goes on every day, which leads them to speak for the students of their school and get the help that is needed. With the Student Board Members this helps let the student's voices to be heard. Though the BOE makes decisions to make our school's successful, they don't use the concerns of the students.

Student Board Members should have the right to vote with the BOE members to make decisions for our schools because I believe they have the potential and the knowledge of what a BOE member already has. From the year of 2003 to 2006 it had increased from 96 percent to 97 percent of voters believe that Student Board Members should be allowed to vote with BOE members when making decisions for the education of our students because as a Student Board Member they know the system with working with BOE members and what needs to be done. Overall, I can say that I would like to strongly ask for your support of this resolution due to the fact that Student Board Members can take the challenge of making sure that every school can get their voices heard and problems get resolved.

Thank you so much for your time and I hope that you'll take action and support HB338.

Senate Bill (SB) Number **HB338**

Title: Relating to Board of Education Student Member

Chair Tokuda and members of the committees. Good afternoon. Thank you for this opportunity to testify in writing on **HB338**.

My name is Douglas Nettel and I am a freshman at Hawaii Technology Academy Charter School. I strongly support having a student representative with full voting rights represented on the Board of Education. With the large number of public school students in the State of Hawaii, it is very important that we have a strong, motivated Board of Education. A very important part of this would be to have the students represented by one of their own. This allows students to have a voice in the future of their education. The student has a unique view and goal for his education. These views and goals should be presented to the BOE by a current high school student.

Thank you for your time.

Douglas Nettel

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March 18, 2011

To: Senator Jill Tokuda, Chair
And Members of the Senate Education Committee

From: Daisjah Paio
Waimanalo Intermediate School

Re: Support of HB338

My name is Daisjah Paio and I am an 8th grader at Waimanalo Intermediate School. I am in support of HB338 to include voting rights for the BOE student member.

In the Board of Education I think student should have a right to vote. Hawaii public school students represent 15% of the states population, but yet their voice still hasn't been able to be heard. If the students have a right to discuss with the Board of Education, then I believe students should have a right to vote.

My reasons, is the student member is a leader, that is directly representing the students, whom are directly affected by board policies. He/She is a direct link between the student and the state. The student member works with the Hawaii State Student Council to gain greater insight onto issues and other student opinions brought to be discussed, but the student right to vote isn't there.

Thank you for your time and I really hope you pass HB338 to include student member voting rights.

March 18, 2011

To: Senator Jill Tokuda, Chair
And Members of the Senate Education Committee

From: Chauntel Mitchell
Waimanalo Intermediate School

Re: Support of HB338 to include Student Member Voting Rights

My name is Chauntel Mitchell and I am an 8th grader at Waimanalo Intermediate School. I am in support of HB338 to include voting rights for the BOE student member.

I feel that the student member of the Board of Education should have their voices be heard and have their voting rights put into use. I believe that those who are affected by the decisions that are made by the Board of Education-the students of Hawaii schools-should be kept close and be apart of the decision making process. The students deserve a voice in their own education and welfare.

For the past 4 years most of the adult BOE representatives support that the student BOE representative should have partial voting rights. In the 2008 elections 79% of K-12 students that participated in the statewide survey of the kids voting survey favored that the student BOE representatives should have voting rights.

Our education is important to us for the future, so student BOE representatives should have voting rights. Thank you for your consideration and your time. I hope you pass HB338 to include voting rights for the BOE student member.

March 18, 2011

To: Senator Jill Tokuda, Chair
And Members of the Senate Education Committee

From: Maureen Bali
Waimanalo Intermediate School

Re: Request for a hearing for HB338

My name is Maureen Bali and I am a 7th grader at Waimanalo Intermediate School. I am in full support of HB338.

In the Board of Education I think that student members should have rights to vote. Student members from the Board of Education represent the schools on Hawaii to voice their opinions, but yet their voice is not heard.

I think that student members should have the right to vote because the student members is a leader, who represents the school with their opinions, voices, problems, and others, I believe in keeping decision-making closest to those whom are most directly affected by those decisions. The students deserve voice in their own education and welfare.

Thank you for taking your time to read this. I hope you pass HB338.

March 18, 2011

To: Senator Jill Tokuda, Chair
And Members of the Senate Education Committee

From: Paris Botelho-Jamorabon
King Intermediate School

Re: Support of HB338

My name is Paris Botelho-Jamorabon and I am an 8th grader at King Intermediate School. I am asking your support for HB338 to include voting rights for the BOE student member.

We “students” should have a say because education is for us. Also in the 2008 elections, on the kids voting survey 79% of the K-12 students who participated in the statewide survey voted in favor of the BOE student representative having voting rights.

Please pass HB338 to include voting rights for the student member.



HAWAII STATE STUDENT COUNCIL

Mililani High School
475 22nd AVENUE, RM. 211
HONOLULU, HAWAII 96816

January 23, 2011

To: Central District Representatives
Central District Senators

From: Lee, Sharmaine – Student Body President

Subject: Student Representative on the Appointed Board of Education With Voting Rights

Aloha! My name is Sharmaine Lee. I am a Junior at Mililani High School. I am in full support of keeping a student representative with voting rights on the appointed Board of Education (BOE). I am asking you to support this position as well. Frequently people say: “the youth are the future of tomorrow.” To prepare us effectively give us a student representative on the appointed BOE with voting rights. The student BOE representative experiences the education system provided and thus first hand understands the needs and concerns of the students.

The student BOE representative is also a member of the Hawaii State Student Council which is networked to every school district council and their respective schools. This communication network assists the student BOE representative to communicate with the students of all school districts and get their feedback and input.

For the past 22 years the student BOE representative has fulfilled all the same responsibilities as the other BOE representatives but without voting rights. States such as California, Maryland, Massachusetts, Tennessee, and Vermont all support the student BOE member by granting them partial or full voting rights.

The student population is 15% of Hawaii's population, give us a choice on the education system that directly impacts us and our future. Please vote yes to have a student representative on the appointed BOE with voting rights. Thank you

Sharmaine Lee,
Associated Students of Mililani High School



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January 23, 2011

To: Central District Representatives
Central District Senators

From: Higashi, Heather- Class of 2012 corresponding secretary

Subject: Student Representative on the Appointed Board of Education With Voting Rights

Aloha! My name is Heather Higashi I am a junior at Mililani High School. I am in full support of keeping a student representative with voting rights on the appointed Board of Education (BOE). I am asking you to support this position as well. Frequently people say: "the youth are the future of tomorrow." To prepare us effectively give us a student representative on the appointed BOE with voting rights. The student BOE representative experiences the education system provided and thus first hand understands the needs and concerns of the students.

The student BOE representative is also a member of the Hawaii State Student Council which is networked to every school district council and their respective schools. This communication network assists the student BOE representative to communicate with the students of all school districts and get their feedback and input.

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Heather Higashi,
Associated Students of Millilani High School



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January 23, 2011

To: Central District Representatives
Central District Senators

From: Dana Katsura, Junior Class Recording Secretary

Subject: Student Representative on the Appointed Board of Education With Voting Rights

Aloha! My name is Dana Katsura I am a Junior at Mililani High School. I am in full support of keeping a student representative with voting rights on the appointed Board of Education (BOE). I am asking you to support this position as well. Frequently people say: "the youth are the future of tomorrow." To prepare us effectively give us a student representative on the appointed BOE with voting rights. The student BOE representative experiences the education system provided and thus first hand understands the needs and concerns of the students.

The student BOE representative is also a member of the Hawaii State Student Council which is networked to every school district council and their respective schools. This communication network assists the student BOE representative to communicate with the students of all school districts and get their feedback and input.

For the past 22 years the student BOE representative has fulfilled all the same responsibilities as the other BOE representatives but without voting rights. States such as California, Maryland, Massachusetts, Tennessee, and Vermont all support the student BOE member by granting them partial or full voting rights.

The student population is 15% of Hawaii's population, give us a choice on the education system that directly impacts us and our future. Please vote yes to have a student representative on the appointed BOE with voting rights. Thank you

Dana Katsura,
Mililani High School Junior Class Council

Senate Bill (SB) Number: HB338

Title: Relating to Board of Education Student Member

Chair Tokuda, Chair Gabbard and members of the committees. Good afternoon.

Thank you for this opportunity to testify on HB/SCR338.

My name is Arisa Liss and I am a junior at J.B. Castle High School. I strongly support this bill and I would like to ask for your support.

I believe that a student board member has the same responsibility as the BOE. They keep the school with high standards and make sure that the students meet their needs. Student board members know what goes on in the school and are the voices of the students. With a student in the BOE, that student will voice out the voices of the high school students across Hawaii.

We, students, are the one who are most directly affected by what the BOE decide. We care about what the BOE decides and we also want to actively participate in the decision making. Therefore, I think that we should have a voice in our own education and welfare. Giving the BOE student the right to vote would raise the feeling that our voices matter.

I believe with the requirements that the bill has stated the student would be fully capable of the responsibilities placed upon them with the voting rights. Also, that student would be capable to make appropriate decisions that will represent all of the high school students in Hawaii.

Thank you for taking your time to read my testimony.

Erin Conner

From: mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov
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Testimony for EDU 3/18/2011 1:45:00 PM HB338

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Submitted on: 3/17/2011

Comments:

TO: Chairperson Carol Mon Lee
Vice Chairperson Kim Coco Iwamoto
Members of the BOE Legislation Committee
From: Christina Terawaa
Radford High School, Grade 11
Honolulu, HI

Hello, my name is Christina Terawaa, I am from Radford High School, and I am in full support of Senate Bill 8, also known as the BOE student voting rights. This can be the next step for a BOE student member. As of right now, they can sit through meetings, but have no say when it comes to voting. I believe a student voice can make a difference, big or small. By allowing voting rights, a BOE student member can voice their opinion, representing high schools all around the state, on important matters going on that need change. Thank you for taking your time to read my letter.

TO: Chairperson Man Lee
Vice Chairperson Kim Coco Iwamoto
Members of the BOE Legislation Committee

FROM: Jaylord Castro
Radford High School, Grade 10
Honolulu, HI

Hello, my name is Jaylord Castro, I am from Radford High School, and I am in full support of Senate Bill 8, the BOE student member voting rights. The reason why I support it is because I think that student's should be heard around this state. It's time for students to heard. People in this state need to hear us students now, I think we have so much to offer. Right now they so much meetings but can't say anything. The BOE student member should be able to let his mind talk. I think its not fair right now, not letting the students talk & vote. Thank you for taking your time to read this.

TO: Chairperson Carol Mon Lee

3/2/11

Vice Chairperson Kim Coco Iwamoto

Members of the BOE Legislation Committee

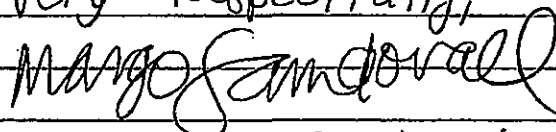
FROM: Margaret Sandoval

Radford High School, Grade 12

Honolulu, HI

Hello my name is Margaret Sandoval, I am from Radford High School, & I am in full support of Senate Bill 8, the BOE student member voting rights. It is only fair that all members who do the work & put the same amount of hours into the meetings should be able to vote. We need more of a student input in the decisions that are made. Decisions by students for students. Thank you for taking the time to read this testimony.

Very Respectfully,



Margaret Sandoval

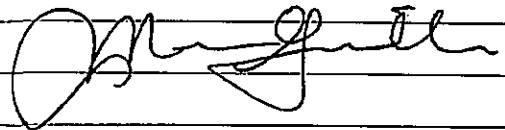
MARCH 02, 2011

TO: CHAIR PERSON CAROL MON LEE
VICE CHAIRSPERSON KIM COCO (WAMOTO)
MEMBERS OF THE BOE LEGISLATION COMMITTEE

FROM: MARIE GUILLERMO
RADFORD HIGH SCHOOL, GRADE 12
HONOLULU, HI

HELLO, MY NAME IS MARIE GUILLERMO.
I AM FROM RADFORD HIGH SCHOOL. & I
AM IN FULL SUPPORT OF SENATE BILL
& THE BOE STUDENT MEMBERS OF
VOTING RIGHTS. THANK YOU FOR
TAKING YOUR TIME TO READ THIS
LETTER. THANK YOU FOR YOUR CONSIDERATION.

RESPECTFULLY YOURS,
MARIE GUILLERMO



TO: Chairperson Carl Mon Lee
Vice Chairperson Kim Coco Iwamoto
Members of the BOE Legislation Committee

From: Kaylea Brown
Radford High School, Grade 11
Honolulu, HI

Hello, my name is Kaylea, I am from Radford HS, and I am in full support of senate Bill 8, the BOE student member voting rights. I feel that it is important for the student body of each school in the state to have their opinion shared. We need a student representative to vote for any laws or concerns that are being voted upon, we the students should have a choice in our own education.

Thank you so much for your time,
I appreciate it.

March 2, 2011

To: Chairperson Carol Man Lee,
Vic President chairperson Kim Coco Iwamoto,
Members of the BOE Legislation Committee.

From: Elizabeth Graves
Radford High School, Grade 11
Honolulu, HI, 96818

Hello: my name is Elizabeth I am a student from Radford High School. I'm in full support of the senate Bill 8 and the BOE student member voting rights. The reason why I'm in full support because I think it's a good idea for a student to represent the students, so that student have a voice on whats happening to our school. With this in mind you should pass it because with out a say so from the student of Hawaii it won't be the same. Also because California, Massachusetts, and North Carolina have the BOE student member voting rights, so why can't Hawaii have it? Finally, thank you for taking the time to read my short letter and consideration.

Thank you Again -
- Elizabeth Graves "

To:
Chairperson Carol Mon Lee
Vice Chairperson Kim Coco Iwamoto
Members of the BOE Legislation Committee

From:
Taylor Frese
Radford High School, Grade 12
Honolulu, HI

Hello my name is Taylor Frese I am currently a Senior at Radford High School & member of it's student council. I hear that we are the future & the voice of the school. How are we suppose to speak if our voice is muted. That is why I urge you to consider Senate Bill 8 to give the students a full voice. If the student is mature enough to be the voice then why not have one? Thank you for taking the time & reading my letter.

Thank you again,

Taylor Frese
Taylor Frese

To: Chairperson Carol Mon Lee
Vice Chairperson Kim CoCo Iwamoto
Members of the BOE Legislation Committee

From: Heather Tolentino
Radford High School, Grade 11
Honolulu, HI

Hello, my name is Heather Tolentino, I am from Radford High School. I am in full support of the BOE student member voting rights. I think that there should be a student voice among the BOE. To have a student representative means that the adults would have an idea of how "we" the students would feel about situations and whatsoever. Students are "leaders with a vision" and should be able to give opinions and ideas to the BOE. We need someones to represent all the schools and students on the island. The adults can't always be the ones left to make choices and or laws. The BOE should be reconsidered having a student representative because there's been one for twenty-two years. Overall, I support to having one. Thank you for taking the time to read this letter. It's much appreciated.

To: Chairperson Carol Man Lee
Vice Chairperson Kim Coco Iwamoto
Members of the BOE Legislation Committee

From: Ali Ishaque
Madford High School, Grade 11
Honolulu, HI

Hello, my name is Ali Ishaque. I am from Madford High School and I am in full support of Senate Bill 8, the BOE student member voting rights. I support this bill because I believe that students should have a say and be able to voice their opinions. Because we are the students receiving the education, we should be able to express any concerns or ideas that we have. There are things that happen around campus that the teachers and faculty don't always see. And if we lose our student representative, the board will not know of these things and/or events that happen around the campus. Some of these events could distract or disrupt the student learning environment. This is my main reason why I support our student voting rights. Thank you for taking the time to read my letter on why I support the Senate Bill 8.

To: Chairperson Carol Mon Lee
Vice Chairperson Kim Coco Iwamoto
Members of the BOE Legislation Committee
From: Heather Kohut
Radford High School, Graph 12
Honolulu, HI

Hello, my name is Heather Kohut, I am from Radford High school, and I am in full support of Senate Bill and the BOE Student members voting rights. I am the historian in Student Council. It's only fair that they get their votes.

TO: Chairperson Carol Man Lee
Vice chairperson Kim Coco Inamoto
Members of the BOE Legislation Committee
FROM: Rachel Abellera
Radford High School, Grade 10
Hondoluv, HI

Hello,

My name is Rachel, a sophomore at Radford High School. I am in full support of the Senate Bill 8, the BOE student member voting rights. Having support of this bill I understand the responsibility and attitude that the student upholds. Getting the student aspect, we all have voice and knowledge towards our view of the school. As students we carry on these potential skills and with these voting rights given to us the students were able to express opinions and thoughts on how we think and feel towards the situation.

Think about a world of unheard voices. Everyone has a thought on anything. We the students are the upcoming future leaders to this generation, without any help how do we progress and move forward into the future. But out of consideration, thank you for taking your time to read my letter.

Sincerely,
Rachel Abellera
Rachel Abellera

March 01, 2011

To: Whom It May Concern

From: Alyssa Chai, Leilehua High School

Subject: Student Representative on the Appointed Board of Education with Voting Rights

Aloha! My name Alyssa Chai; I am a senior as well as a member of Leilehua High School Senior Class Board. I am in full support of having a student representative on the appointed Board of Education (BOE) with voting rights.

The student BOE member is the sole representative of 15% of Hawaii's population but has no voting right on the matters that directly affect them. The opinions of the students are often disregarded in the policies passed by board. The student BOE representative is the only member of the BOE that spends every day in Hawaii's schools so they know what the students experience, need, and want. Their vote should count.

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March 01, 2011

To: Whom It May Concern

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Subject: Student Representative on the Appointed Board of Education with Voting Rights

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From: Rohelyn Quimoyog, Leilehua High School

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To: To whom it may concern

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February 28, 2011

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From: Roseanne Dumlao, Leilehua High School

Subject: Student Representative on the Appointed Board of Education with Voting Rights

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